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TRUMP DECLARES WAR ON GOP CONSERVATIVES

1 President Donald Trump declared war on members of his own party on Thursday by threatening the political careers of conservative Republicans who helped torpedo health care legislation he backed, but was quickly told the lawmakers will not bow to "bullying." In a Twitter post, Trump took aim at the Freedom Caucus, a bloc of the most conservative Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives, indicating he would try to defeat them in next year's congressional elections if they continued to defy him. "The Freedom Caucus will hurt the entire Republican agenda if they don't get on the team, & fast. We must fight them, & Dems, in 2018!" Trump said on Twitter. REUTERS

CHINA: 'NO SUCH THING' AS MAN-MADE ISLANDS

2 There was "no such thing" as man-made islands in the disputed South China Sea, China's Defense Ministry said, and reiterated that any building work was mainly for civilian purposes. China, which claims most of the resource-rich region, has carried out land reclamation and construction on several islands in the Spratly archipelago, parts of which are also claimed by Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam. The building has included airports, harbors and other facilities. But ministry spokesman Wu Qian implied that was perhaps a misunderstanding, though he said there was construction work which China had every right to do as the Spratlys were inherent Chinese territory. "There is no such thing as man-made islands," Wu told a regular monthly news briefing. REUTERS

UN SEES ALARMING TREND AGAINST FREE SPEECH

3 Nineteen U.S. states have introduced bills that would curb freedom of expression and the right to protest since Donald Trump's election as president, an "alarming and undemocratic" trend, U.N. human rights investigators said. Concerns for free speech in the United States have risen in part because of the Republican Trump's antagonistic relations with prominent U.S. media, which he has branded "the enemy of the American people" as it has reported on policy missteps and dysfunction in his administration. The push for stricter laws on expression has come as Trump's liberal foes have pursued public protest against his policies on issues ranging from immigration to abortion and climate change. REUTERS

BUTTERFLY EYES

4 George Lewys, age 5, poses with two Forest Giant Owl butterflies (Caligo eurilochus) set on slices of oranges at the Natural History Museum on Thursday in London, England. The Natural History Museum's Butterfly House, which features an array of butterflies and chrysalises, is open to the public. GETTY IMAGES

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

NC REPLACES TRANSGENDER BATHROOM LAW

5 North Carolina repealed a law regulating bathroom use for transgender people, hoping to lure back businesses and sports leagues that boycotted the Southern state because they saw the year-old measure as discriminatory. Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper signed the replacement bill into law after the Republican-controlled state Senate and House of Representatives approved it in separate votes earlier in the day in the capital, Raleigh. It was unclear if the legislation would be sufficient to bring back the basketball games, concerts, financial firms and technology companies that abandoned North Carolina. The new measure rescinds House Bill 2, the so-called bathroom bill that required transgender people to use the bathrooms in state-run buildings that correspond to the sex on their birth certificate. REUTERS

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Owner Miriam Linna stands outside Norton Record Shop in Brooklyn. ALL IMAGES NIKKI M. MASCALI

Battered but unbroken, Brooklyn music label sees 'new golden age of vinyl'

Norton Records survived Hurricane Sandy and has made a comeback, like vinyl itself, with a brick-and-mortor store.

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Hurricane Sandy battered much of New York City, but one of its lesser-known victims was a Brooklyn music label specializing in rock and rockabilly sounds released on vinyl records.

After the October 2012 storm roared through, Norton Records in Red Hook was flooded, its inventory destroyed and its future uncertain.

"We lost virtually all of our stock," co-founder Miriam Linna said. "I think at that time it was a quarter of a million records."

But the label that produces current artists and releases classic reissues weathered that storm, and has withstood others.

More recently, it includes the 27 inches of snow that fell on New York the day after Linna and her husband and co-founder, Billy Miller, opened their first record store in January.

But adversity was nothing new for the couple — both musicians — whose label has stayed afloat, even through the so-called death of vinyl in the 1990s and into its steady comeback.

The most devastating loss, however, did not involve the label itself. Last November, just a few months after the Prospect Heights record store opened, Billy Miller died, after having lost a leg in his battle with multiple myeloma.

Linna considered closing the Washington Avenue record shop after that. They had opened it, in part, so that Billy "could hold court and just talk records with people," she said. "His whole life was built around telling people about records — our label existed to bring music that was unknown or little known that we were enthusiastic about."

> *"We lost virtually all of our stock."*
> Miriam Linna

Friends and fans urged her to keep it going, and she has. The store sells mostly vinyl records, but also has CDs, books and on its website, highlights the two-dozen artists whose music it has released or reissued.

Linna said she and Miller had always persevered.

After Sandy, Linna said her husband set a goal "to get a small, limited quantity of our label back within a year, and we pretty much reached that impossible goal."

By early 2016, the 30-year-old Norton Records was again releasing music and was expanding. That was helped in part by vinyl record sales, which rose 26 percent last year.

Today, Norton Records — and Linna — shows no signs of slowing down.

The label will release "Kickin' Child," the lost 1965 Columbia recordings of Bronx-born Dion DiMucci, the former teen idol better known as just Dion, on May 12.

For more information on Norton visit Metro.us.

VINYL VALUED

Norton Records: A devotion to vinyl

Norton Records, named after Art Carney's character on "The Honeymooners," was founded in 1986, when vinyl was starting its decline. CD sales were on the rise.

"We loved living in this beautiful vinyl world," said Miriam Linna, the label's co-founder. "When the CD thing happened, it was absolutely brutal."

Despite fewer labels releasing actual records, Norton released its artists' music on both vinyl and CD. And when vinyl began its mainstream resurgence in the mid-2000s amid the start of digital music, "it was extremely gratifying and mysterious," Linna said.

While many New York record stores and labels shuttered over the years, dozens again call the city home — and Linna welcomes the competition.

"(Vinyl) is only going to survive again in this totally new phase if other companies rise to the occasion," she said. "This is like a new golden age for music, for records." NIKKI M. MASCALI

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Proposed rendering of the new Waldorf Astoria exterior.

This is what New York's Waldorf-Astoria will look like in three years

Renovations on the landmark hotel will likely be one of the most complicated restorations in NYC history.

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Finally, details of the mysterious renovations that will shut down the Waldorf Astoria Hotel for at least two years have been revealed.

Renderings of the refurbished lobby, the facade and key interior spaces were unveiled Wednesday. They show a faithfulness to the historical original design and art deco style that defined the landmark hotel when it opened in 1931 at its current location on Park Avenue. (It originally opened in 1893 where the Empire State Building is today.)

The renovations are expected to be one of the most complex and intensive landmark preservations efforts in New York history. Insiders told Metro that the plumbing will be a particularly complicated task, as the pipes are old and there are few existing plumbing schematics from the original construction.

The renovation project is expected to span two to three years.

Architects from Skidmore, Owings & Merrill will collaborate with interior designer Pierre-Yves Rochon on the plans.

"Protecting the spirit of this iconic property and reflecting its history through a modern, more forward-thinking lens will be at the heart of the hotel's interior design," Rochon told Arch, an architecture website.

The public release of the images coincides with the submission or plans to the city's Department of Landmarks Preservation Commission by the hotel's new owners, the Chinese financial group Anbang. The plans must undergo city and public review before permits for the construction will be issued.

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A new member of the New York City Police Department (NYPD) smiles as confetti falls on him at the conclusion of the police academy graduation ceremony at the Theater at Madison Square Garden on Thursday. More than 600 new officers were sworn in during the ceremony. GETTY IMAGES

IVANKA MOVES IN

TOM FOREMAN
Opinion

Ever since the election (for that matter even before), critics have raged about the hopelessly complicated tangle of Donald Trump's personal, professional and political lives. They've worried about conflicts of interest, influence peddling, and whether he'll bring the WWE to the Rose Garden. So no doubt they are thrilled to hear the president's daughter is now on the White House staff.

Ivanka Trump announced her new, unpaid position this week, making official what pretty much everyone thought anyway — like her husband Jared Kushner, she is a real player in the new D.C. The 35-year-old socialite, businesswoman, former fashion model, and famous offspring will be sitting in high-level meetings, talking policy, perusing sensitive documents, and hobnobbing with world leaders. She'll be at state dinners. She may even have the White House password for Netflix.

I won't get all judgey about her fitness for the task. She seems smart enough, and trust me, White Housers are not always the hottest fries in the basket anyway. She made some solid points during the campaign, especially on women's rights, even if liberals scream at the very idea she could champion such a cause. And perhaps she'll help drag dear old dad back toward center when his right-leaning friends pull him too far down conservative cul-de-sacs. She has been, after all, a Democrat much of her life.

Granted, there are potential problems. She also brings political inexperience, a Trump-centric world view, and even more insular thinking — all of which this White House already has in spades.

But here is a good reason even Dump-Trumpers should feel a tiny bit better about this latest news from the growing Mar-a-Lago on Pennsylvania Avenue. Government watchdogs can keep a closer eye on official advisers than on unofficial ones. Now that she has a desk in the West Wing, they have more legal tools to compel disclosure. They can demand records. They can better track her comings, goings, and conversations. Congress can more easily demand answers — under subpoena if need be.

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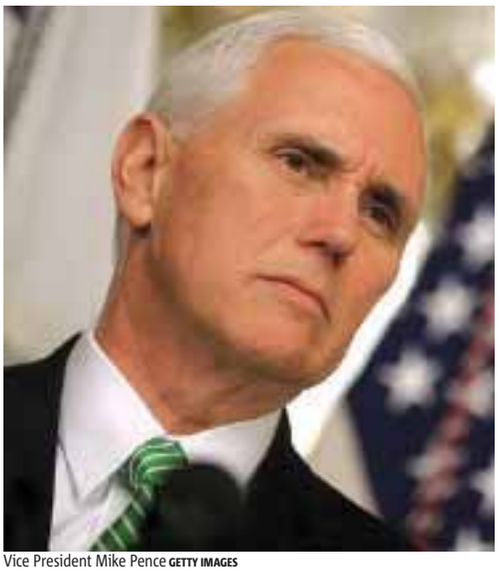
Senate kills family-planning rule; Pence breaks tie

In recent years states such as Texas have kept some health care providers from receiving the grants as part of the country's longstanding fight over abortion.



Vice President Mike Pence GETTY IMAGES

Vice President Mike Pence took the rare step of breaking a tie in the U.S. Senate on Thursday, casting the deciding vote to roll back protections for reproductive health funds.

Using the Congressional Review Act, which allows lawmakers to repeal recently minted regulations, senators killed a rule intended to keep federal grants flowing to clinics that provide contraception and other services in states that want to block the funding.

The rule was enacted in the final weeks of former President Barack Obama's administration, giving lawmakers the opening to nullify it under the review law.

It was the second time on Thursday that Pence used his role as the chamber's president to end a deadlock. He was called to the capitol earlier to carry the resolution through a procedural vote.

Saying the rule usurps states' rights, Republicans argued local lawmakers should decide how health care money is distributed.

Their main concern is that federal money is being used to provide abortions, although the grants are specifically barred from funding those procedures. Republicans, including President Donald Trump, generally oppose abortion.

"This regulation is an unnecessary restriction on states that know their residents' own needs best," said Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

Democrats said the resolution was an attack on women's health, contending the rollback will make it harder for low-income and rural women to obtain screenings for cancer and other diseases, as well as contraception.

> *"Republicans didn't listen to us. ... They didn't listen to women across the country who made it clear that restricting women's access to the full range of reproductive care is unacceptable."*
>
> Sen. Patty Murray

Most resolutions killing recent Obama-era regulations have sailed through the Republican-controlled Congress. They need to win only simple majorities in both chambers to go to the president for signing.

The congressional review law was used only once successfully until this year. The family-planning resolution marked the 13th time it has been deployed effectively since the beginning of February, as well as the first time a resolution has come within a hair's breadth of failing.

"Republicans didn't listen to us," said Sen. Patty Murray of Washington, the senior Democrat on the health committee. "They didn't listen to women across the country who made it clear that restricting women's access to the full range of reproductive care is unacceptable."

The nonprofit Planned Parenthood, which provides abortions and many other health and contraception services, receives some of the federal funding.

Noting the recent collapse of the Republican health care bill in the U.S. House of Representatives, Dawn Laguens, executive vice president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, said Thursday's votes were close because "people are sick and tired of politicians making it even harder for them to access health care."

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Venezuela's Maduro decried as 'dictator' after Congress annulled

There was swift international condemnation of the de facto annulment of the National Assembly, where the opposition won a majority in late 2015 amid an unprecedented economic crisis that has seen Maduro's popularity plummet.

The president of Venezuela's National Assembly Julio Borges, holds a copy of a sentence from Venezuela's Supreme Court granting itself legislative powers, as he speaks during a press conference in Caracas on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

Opposition leaders branded Venezuela's socialist President Nicolas Maduro a "dictator" on Thursday after the Supreme Court took over the functions of Congress and pushed a lengthy political standoff to new heights.

The head of the 34-nation Organization of International States (OAS), Luis Almagro, said the Venezuelan court had dealt the final blows to democracy in the country and accused Maduro's "regime" of carrying out a "coup."

Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, Colombia and Chile expressed strong concerns while Peru withdrew its envoy after what it termed a rupture of democracy in the OPEC nation of 30 million people.

Venezuela's top court had already overturned most National Assembly decisions since the opposition win. Then late on Wednesday, it explicitly stated it was assuming Congress' role in a ruling authorizing Maduro to create oil joint ventures without the previously mandated congressional approval.

"As long as the situation of contempt in the National Assembly continues, this constitutional chamber guarantees congressional functions will be exercised by this chamber or another chosen organ," the court said in its ruling.

The contempt charge stems from vote-buying accusations against three lawmakers from southern Amazonas state. Even though these legislators no longer sit, the court said parliamentary leaders had not handled their case legally.

Critics of Maduro say it is all an excuse for him to consolidate power and muzzle the opposition amid a severe recession, soaring inflation and acute shortages of food and medicine.

Maduro, a 54-year-old former bus driver and foreign minister, was narrowly elected in 2013 to replace late leftist President Hugo Chavez. He has accused Washington of leading a push to topple him as part of a wider offensive against leftist governments.

Stung by the rebukes around Latin America, Maduro's government condemned what it described as a "right-wing regional pact" against it on Thursday.

"We reject the Peruvian government's rude support for the violent and extremist sectors in Venezuela," Foreign Minister Delcy Rodriguez said in a series of tweets.

Leaders of Venezuela's Democratic Unity opposition coalition renewed their demand for early presidential elections and accused Maduro of duplicating Peruvian leader Alberto Fujimori's notorious 1992 closure of Congress.

"Nicolas Maduro has carried out a 'coup d'etat' ... this is a dictatorship," said National Assembly President Julio Borges, before tearing up a copy of the Supreme Court ruling at a news conference in the gardens of the legislature. REUTERS

ASIA

South Korea court approves warrant to arrest ousted president Park Geun-hye

A South Korean court approved a warrant to arrest ousted president Park Geun-hye, the country's first democratically elected leader to be thrown out of office.

Park can be held in a cell for up to 20 days while she is investigated over allegations that she colluded with a friend, Choi Soon-sil, to pressure big businesses to contribute to now-defunct foundations set up to back her policy initiatives.

A judge at the Seoul Central District Court said in a statement that "the cause and the need for the warrant are recognized as the main charges against her have been verified and as evidence could be destroyed."

About two hours after the ruling, Park was driven to the Seoul Detention Center located just outside of the city in a black sedan, with two female investigators escorting her.

Her supporters shouted her name and waved South Korean flags as she arrived at the detention center just before 5 a.m. local time, behind a cordon formed by the police to prevent the crowd from following her in and mixing with any Park opponents, who were also at the scene. REUTERS

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Lawyers: 'El Chapo' prison conditions worst in US, prevent proper defense

Guzman is restricted to his New York City cell for 23 hours a day, with the lights on at all times.

Held without access to sunlight or his relatives, Mexican drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman is under more restrictive captivity than any other U.S. prisoner and it is difficult to mount a defense, his court appointed lawyers said on Thursday.

Mexico extradited Guzman, who is the head of Sinaloa Cartel, to New York in January, a few hours before U.S. President Donald Trump took office. Guzman, who escaped from two Mexican prisons and was a key figure in a bloody drug war, is seen as a flight risk by the U.S. government.

Guzman has one hour of exercise in a small interior cage with no access to fresh air or sunlight, Amnesty International said in a letter to Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrea Goldbarg dated March 28.

He has not been allowed to speak to his wife or other family members, and the conditions of captivity exceed any other mainland U.S. prison, including the super-secure Colorado prison known as Supermax, public defense attorney Michelle Gelernt said.

"Mr. Guzman is being held under the worst, most restrictive conditions of any prisoner currently detained by the United States government," Gelernt said. "Even convicted prisoners held in the notorious federal Supermax in Colorado are allowed to watch television in their cells, exercise outside where they can speak with other inmates, and speak with their families. Mr. Guzman enjoys none of these benefits."

Drug kingpin Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman is escorted into a helicopter at Mexico City's airport on Jan. 8, 2016. GETTY IMAGES

"Mr. Guzman is being held under the worst, most restrictive conditions of any prisoner currently detained by the United States government."
Gelernt

In a filing on Wednesday to U.S. District Judge Brian Cogan of the Eastern District of New York, Guzman's lawyers said the strict confinement puts Guzman at risk of psychological damage, and that he may already be "hearing non-existent sounds."

U.S. prosecutors have argued that such tough measures - called Special Administrative Measures - are needed to prevent Guzman from communicating with his cartel cohorts still running the multinational trafficking organization, and to prevent repeats of his two Mexican prison escapes.

In his most recent escape in 2015, Guzman walked out of prison through a mile-long highly engineered tunnel from his cell, a sign of the huge influence he was able to wield even from behind bars.

The U.S. confinement conditions, especially restrictions on communicating with family members, means it is tough for Guzman to contract private lawyers, since he is not able to speak to his family to arrange payment or discuss potential attorneys, Gelernt said. REUTERS

LEGISLATION

North Carolina replaces transgender bathroom law crash

A North Carolina on Thursday repealed a law regulating bathroom use for transgender people, hoping to lure back businesses and sports leagues that boycotted the Southern state because they saw the year-old measure as discriminatory.

Democratic Governor Roy Cooper signed the replacement bill into law after the Republican-controlled state Senate and House of Representatives approved it in separate votes earlier in the day in the capital, Raleigh.

It was unclear if the legislation would be sufficient to bring back the basketball games, concerts, financial firms and technology companies that abandoned North Carolina, costing its economy hundreds of millions of dollars.

The new measure rescinds House Bill 2, the so-called bathroom bill that required transgender people to use the bathrooms, changing rooms and showers in state-run buildings that correspond to the sex on their birth certificate rather than their gender identity. REUTERS

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Selena Gomez on the set of Netflix's new miniseries, "13 Reasons Why."
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The good influencer

Selena Gomez explains why she stayed behind the camera for her new Netflix show.

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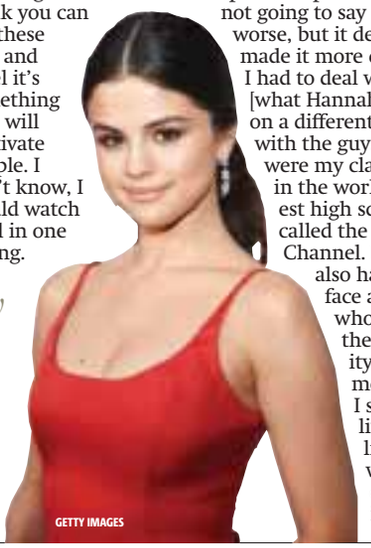
The star of "13 Reasons Why" could have been Selena Gomez.

Instead, the most-followed person on Instagram stuck to working behind the scenes, signing on as executive producer for the Netflix drama, alongside Pulitzer-winning playwright Brian Yorkey and her mother, Mandy Teefey. The mystery miniseries follows Hannah, a timid high school student who leaves behind 13 cassette tapes, each explaining how the person listening contributed to her suicide.

Gomez explains her decision to stay off-camera, how she related to Hannah in high school and why you won't be able to watch just one episode when the 13-part series drops today on Netflix.

At first you wanted to play the main character, right?
Yeah. Well, it was my mom who found the book. I was about 16 or 17 when I read the book, [and] I saw that I could perfectly relate to the story. And above all, my fans could connect with it. They're incredibly authentic with me and tell me what they think and feel in a superhonest way. But now that time has passed, I think there's no better person to play Hannah than Katherine [Langford]. I mean, you see her and it's her. I think she works perfectly for the character.

It's a superintense story to binge-watch.
The first episodes are really captivating. [They] clearly explain the relationship of the characters and what happened to Hannah, but it gets more and more dark. I think you're progressively seeing a side of Clay [Dylan Minnette] where he shows that he's a guy that's confused, sad and maybe a little shy, who transforms into … I'm not going to reveal anything else. But I think you can see these arcs and I feel it's something that will captivate people. I don't know, I would watch it all in one sitting. Maybe there will even be someone that will watch it more than once. Everyone will enjoy it in their own way.



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"[Kids] do not want to see false speeches of empty optimism, because that does not matter to them. They have to see something that moves them, something that scares them. All of these people will instantly connect with the characters."
Selena Gomez on her new Netflix series "13 Reasons Why"

Did you see yourself reflected in Hannah in any way?
I think my high school experience was, so to speak, amplified. I'm not going to say it was worse, but it definitely made it more difficult. I had to deal with [what Hannah does] on a different scale, with the guys who were my classmates in the world's largest high school called the Disney Channel. But I also had to face adults who had the audacity to tell me how I should live my life. It was very confusing at the time. I had no idea how I should behave or how I would be when I grew up. It definitely hits you at your most vulnerable time.

That's why I wanted to make sure I was part of this project in some way. My mother helped me because she knew that it was very important for me. That's what kids have to see. They do not want to see false speeches of empty optimism, because that does not matter to them. They have to see something that moves them, something that scares them. All of these people will instantly connect with the characters.

I would do anything to be a good influence for this generation. It was difficult, but I did everything possible to get involved with every aspect of the series. I was there when they were shooting the last episode, and it was really touching to see how everything came to life.

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Scarlett Johansson plays an iconic (and, ahem, Japanese) character in "Ghost in the Shell." PARAMOUNT PICTURES

"Ghost in the Shell"

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The very embodiment of the American remake of something foreign, the new American "Ghost in the Shell" is like a late-comer to a party it started itself. You can blame a good deal of modern blockbuster cinema on Mamoru Oshii's 1995 cyberpunk anime (adapted from the beloved manga). Word is, when they were trying to get the money for "The Matrix," the Wachowskis simply screened "Ghost in the Shell" and said something to the effect of "We want to do that." "Avatar," "A.I.," "Ex Machina" — all owe it a fancy dinner. It's a husk that's been picked apart by buzzards, its remains now regurgitated onto multiplex screens because Americans don't like to watch movies from other countries.

Considering that, it's amazing how watchable the new "Ghost in the Shell" turns out to be. Freely mixing in bits from the original film, its superior 2004 sequel and its various TV shows, the new version, like the old, follows the exploits of a gang of robocops working for a counterterrorism outfit in deep future Tokyo. While most from the world of tomorrow are at least part-robot, the agent known as the Major (Scarlett Johansson) is the first that's all-synthetic — a brain wiped of its memories that's been implanted in the body of, well, something that looks like Scarlett Johansson. While investigating a series of assassinations, the Major slowly realizes the case may lead her to discover her true identity.

This last plot thread wasn't in the original, making this "Ghost in the Shell" if not essential then at least not not essential. It molds a classic until it conforms to modern blockbuster shape. The favorite bits from the original are kept; the bits that might alienate mass audiences are cut down

Its one arguable improvement is also the thing that's made it a controversy-magnet. As our bot-hero, Johansson is so steely and charismatic you can periodically forget that this is yet another case of Hollywood "white-washing." In a way, she's even perfectly cast: With this, "Her," "Under the Skin" and "Lucy," she is the movies' reigning queen of humanoids and post-human characters. Of course, in another way, she's simply the wrong person for the job. MP

"The Boss Baby"

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"The Boss Baby" plays like one of those films that started out with a simple, zero-common-denominator pitch, then got hopelessly garbled en route to the big screen. It probably began with seven simple words: "What if a baby was a boss?" Luckily, at some point enough people realized that was stupid even for a stupid kids' movie. But in trying to make it smart, they overcompensated. As so, we have what "The Baby Boss" really is, which is the most convoluted, bizarre story since "Collateral Beauty." Trying to explain the plot at parties will make you feel like you're on acid.

First off, he's not really a boss baby. He's Templeton (voice of Alec Baldwin), and like all babies in the alternate dimension of "The Boss Baby," he was created in a secret factory. Most babies are sent off to families to live normal baby lives, adults none-the-wiser. Templeton was chosen to be part of "management," shipped off to a corporation called "BabyCorp," where talking, smart babies work hard to make sure adults still have babies. Or something. It's a little vague. Templeton aspires to be CEO, and so he elects to pose as a regular, non-smart baby to stop an epidemic that has more people buying cute puppies than they are pooping out cute babies. (Is this even a real trend?)

Sometimes "The Boss Baby" plays like a parody of modern mainstream cinema's weird yen for impossibly dense mythologies, where even a simple story about a toddler walking around in a suit has to spend half its length explaining the plot. The good news is that it's also frequently charming, even delightful. The story is told not by Templeton, but by Tim (Miles Christopher Bakshi), a 7-year-old suburbanite. Tim admits to having an overactive imagination, and his tale purports to delve into his anxieties over having a younger brother, much less one that in private speaks with the voice of our current reigning Trump impersonator. (Speaking of which, the Trumpisms are, alas, devastatingly low, though Templeton is definitely the better businessman.) It's a beautifully made film. It just doesn't make any sense. MP

The Alec Baldwin-voiced runt in "The Boss Baby" looks downright presidential. DREAMWORKS ANIMATION

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5 Examples of Hollywood white-washing

Scarlett Johansson plays a character written as Japanese in the new "Ghost in the Shell." She joins a long Hollywood tradition of white-washing. PARAMOUNT PICTURES

This week sees the release of "Ghost in the Shell." It's a huge movie — one of the year's priciest, starring one of our splashiest names, Scarlett Johansson. And yet right there is the problem: The white, American actress is playing a cyborg hero who, in the beloved anime and manga upon which the film is based, was, of course, Japanese. **MATT PRIGGE**

"Breakfast at Tiffany's" (1961)

Any casual viewing of the Audrey Hepburn classic is periodically made uncomfortable whenever Mickey Rooney shows up. He's Mr. Yunioshi, Holly Gollightly's easily annoyed neighbor. Never one to do anything by half measures, the legend goes all-in with the broad Asian stereotypes, complete with giant teeth and overly squinted eyes.

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"Othello" (1965)

Over the centuries, Shakespeare's "Moor of Venice" has been played by countless white actors, including Anthony Hopkins in a 1981 BBC production. But few went all-in on the blackface the way Laurence Olivier did in this 1965 film. It wasn't enough for him to bathe his face in burnt cork. The acting god also adopted a "black" voice, reciting the Bard's words in a manner that can make you cringe in iambic pentameter.

"Short Circuit" (1986)

Fisher Stevens has done a lot of good; last year he directed "Before the Flood," a climate change doc starring Leonardo DiCaprio. When he was younger, though, he applied brownface and an over the top accent to play Ben Jabituya, the Indian scientist who, along with Steve Guttenberg, helps create wisecracking robot Johnny 5. How bad were the '80s? So bad that Stevens reprised the role, this time as the lead, in "Short Circuit 2."

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"Pan" (2015)

Less than a year after "Exodus"-gate, Rooney Mara was playing Tiger Lily, Peter Pan's beloved Native American Neverland bud. The pushback was fierce, but to her credit Mara admitted that taking the role didn't make her "feel great," even if she did ultimately decide the skeeziness was outweighed by her desire to be in a highly unusual twist on a classic. But it wasn't worth it: "Pan" was hated by critics and ignored by audiences, and it went down as one of the priciest bombs in movie history. So at least there was some comeuppance.

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"Doctor Strange" (2016)

Tackling a dodgy source birthed in 1963 — with a white character traveling to Asia and literally stealing another culture's magic — Hollywood did what it could. It even turned the training grounds of Kamar-Taj into an international club. You could even argue that it's not even a bad thing that the Ancient One — a straight-up "Oriental" stereotype — is now a Celtic mystic played by a hairless Tilda Swinton. But we still have a long way to go, as you can tell by "Ghost in the Shell."

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"Providing the creative space for under-represented groups to be seen and heard; that's a powerful thing, and that's exactly what we're doing right now."

Johnson is referring to DTH's lineup of spring performances, all of which are infused with the spirit of equality. Art has the power not only to heal, but to create positive change within our communities and our country at large. This spring, DTH is hosting a diverse array of performances that offer cultural reflection while also empowering dancers and audience members.

One of the most buzzed-about performances is Francesca Harper's *System*, which was inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement and born out of DTH's Women Who Move Us initiative. Dancers of color use the language of classical ballet in a relevant, immediate way to fully express themselves on stage.

"Change comes through a greater sense of identity and empowerment," says Johnson. "*System* is interwoven with history, but it also draws on the issues that drive the current moment. Anyone who comes to the theater will feel the strength of it."

System will have its New York premiere on Friday, April 21 at 8 p.m. It's part of DTH's annual hometown season, being celebrated with four nights of special performances running from April 19 to 22. Other highlights of the series include the revival of the great American choreographer Glen Tetley's *Dialogues* on April 22.

"It was created especially for DTH; no other company performs it," says Johnson. "It's a powerful work that resonates like a bell. It's beautiful to see dancers conquer space and time in this work. It's truly exquisite."

Robert Garland's transcendent *Brahms Variations* is a pure expression of humanity, that embodies beauty, dignity and strength in the midst of a national moment of great uncertainty, friction and division. You can catch the performance before *System* on April 21 or the following day at a family matinee at 2 p.m. Bring the family and stay after the matinee for a post performance Meet the Ballerina event.

Company Artist Chyrstyn Fentroy in Robert Garland's *Return*. Photo by Rachel Neville.

The hometown spring season is also brimming with other celebrated choreographers and audience favorites, including José Limón, Dianne McIntyre and Darrell Grand Moultrie. All shows will take place at New York City Center (131 West 55th Street), with opening night being followed by the 6th Annual Vision Gala at the Park Hyatt New York.

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The best new eats at Smorgasburg

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It's not spring until Smorgasburg comes out of hibernation, which happens this weekend at Williamsburg's East River State Park on Saturday and Prospect Park on Sunday.

This year, the weekend food fest received about 300 applicants, with just 24 being accepted after passing a taste test for co-founders Eric Demby and Jonathan Butler. "We had what we think was our most competitive and highest-quality round of applicants," says Demby.

Smorgasburg is also striving to be "a zero-waste event," with no bottles or cans sold. Guests will be able to refill (hopefully reusable) bottles at filtered-water stations on site. The market has also banned high-fructose corn syrup drinks, encouraging vendors to make their own healthier refreshments.

Ready to start the season? We got to try 16 of the new vendors at a preview event, and picked our favorites to look for this season.

Burger Supreme

We haven't tasted a burger that comes close to the addictive simplicity of Shake Shack until now. Mark Andrew Gravel's burger has been noticed by Mission Cantina and the Charleston Wine & Food Festival. A Fleishers beef patty gets a nice sear on a griddle, then a squirt of "onion pickle water" before the flip. "The steam pushes the flavor back up through the meat and bun," he explains. Topped with a slice of white American cheese and mustard-based special sauce on a Martin's potato roll, it's just $10 with a side of Old Bay fries. *Saturday only, burgersupreme.com*

Roll Play Viet Noms

Hoi Nguyen spent 15 years in his family's Boston catering business before bringing his Vietnamese rice-paper-wrapped spring rolls to Brooklyn. They're filled with a choice of proteins surrounded by rice vermicelli noodles, pickled carrots, daikon, mint, basil and a fried wonton stick for texture. But it's the sauces you'll go crazy for, especially the red pepper ginger "sexy sauce." *Saturdays only, rollplaynyc.com*

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Everything is better when wrapped inside a dumpling, right? That's the premise of this new global dumpling stall. "We just wanted to showcase our favorite foods going up in Queens," say owner-chefs Tristan and Andrew, with results like crispy triangles of Peking duck drizzled with hoisin sauce and bite-size satchels of jerk chicken and pineapple salsa. *Both days, destinationdumplings.com*

Ube Kitchen

Filipino desserts are colorful and delicious, but often full of sugar and other sweet additives. Turns out they're not at all necessary, as Ube Kitchen's light and creamy halo halo or their delicate chia pudding in a waffle bowl, proves. The desserts are all sweetened only with chunks of fruit and ice creams made in-house. *Both days, facebook.com/ubekitchen*

Strange Flavor Burger Shack

Longtime friends Bill McGovern and Matt Klein are already making pretty classic pub fare at their pop-up restaurant inside Bushwick's The Johnsons bar. For their Smorgasburg debut, "we decided to serve more out-there food," landing on a Sichuan-influenced burger with brisket braised in mapo tofu spices, with a cilantro-scallion mix, a tofu puff and housemade sesame bun. The flavor starts out complex but mild, building as you eat. "We use Sichuan peppercorn oil," McGovern explains. "It changes your palate and it gives it a lemony freshness so you can taste everything, so because of that the brisket stays lighter." *Saturdays, strangeflavorbk.com*

John's Juice

The next Instagram star of the market is surely this all-natural juice stand that uses the husks of oranges, grapefruits, watermelon, pineapples and dragonfruit as the vessel for their fresh juices. The fruit is cored and blended to order, then mixed with flavorings like ginger syrup and seltzer water for a gorgeous and all-natural refresher on hot days. *Both days, facebook.com/pg/JohnsJuiceNyc*

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Yankees will look to young power in 2017

Gary Sanchez is slated to bat second in the Yankees' order.

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Gary Sanchez will look to feed off a 2016 season in which he hit 20 home runs in 53 games. GETTY IMAGES

The Yankees enter 2017 in a quasi-rebuilding mode; they haven't stripped their roster down ala the Chicago White Sox, but they're not exactly stacked like the defending champion Cubs either.

Masahiro Tanaka (14-4, 3.07 ERA in 2016) will get the ball in the Yankees' Opening Day tilt with the Rays this Sunday, but beyond the ace, the starters look shaky.

The rapidly-aging CC Sabathia (9-12, 3.90) and the enigmatic Michael Pineda (6-12, 4.82) are projected to see plenty of starts while Luis Severino was named the fourth starter on Thursday.

Manager Joe Girardi revealed on Wednesday that the Yankees will carry four starters and eight relievers until Apr. 16.

The Bombers' bullpen is likely to be worked hard again this year, but is still projected to be among the strongest units in baseball.

The Yankees demonstrated they're still willing to shell out the big bucks when they brought back Aroldis Chapman (3-0, 2.07, 20 saves in 31 appearances for New York last season) on a five-year, $86 million deal. He'll bolster the back of the bullpen with Dellin Betances and Tyler Clippard. Warren will likely pitch some important innings in relief along with Chasen Shreve.

Gary Sanchez could be an MVP candidate in just his second year in the league if he can replicate his 53 games in pinstripes last year. From early August until the end of the season, the precocious catcher clubbed 20 home runs, drove in 42 RBIs, and sported a .299 batting average. But there's always a chance that Sanchez experiences a "sophomore slump."

Setting the table for Sanchez will be Brett Gardner and/or Jacoby Ellsbury. Gardner has had a rough spring training but has been among the most reliable members on the team since 2013. Ellsbury may not be living up to his lofty salary, which is why there will be times this year in which he will bat fifth, but he does boast a respectable .326 OBP in three seasons as a Yankee.

The Bombers' middle infield tandem, Didi Gregorius and Starlin Castro, was among the best in the AL last year. Gregorius had a breakout year at the plate (.276 average, 20 homers and 76 RBIs), but will unfortunately start the year on the DL for about a month with a shoulder injury. Castro, fresh off a career-high 21-homer season, will look to produce more big numbers in the Bronx this year.

Greg Bird missed all of 2016 with a shoulder injury but put up a monster Spring Training (1.558 OPS through Thursday) to essentially muscle Chris Carter out of the discussion as the everyday first baseman. If Bird can live up to his 2015 numbers (.261, 11 homers, 31 RBIs), he'll be right at home in the middle of the order.

In right field, Aaron Judge was awarded the starting job on Thursday over Aaron Hicks. As of Thursday, Judge had a Spring Training average of .345 with three home runs. Most importantly, the 24-year-old's strikeout numbers are down from his alarming 2016 whiff rate.

The AL East could be one of the toughest divisions in baseball, but with good fortune, the Yankees could be playing some meaningful games in September.

Projected rotation

- Masahiro Tanaka
- CC Sabathia
- Michael Pineda
- Luis Severino
- Bryan Mitchell

Projected lineup

- Brett Gardner - LF
- Gary Sanchez - C
- Greg Bird - 1B
- Matt Holliday - DH
- Jacoby Ellsbury - CF
- Starlin Castro - 2B
- Chase Headley - 3B
- Aaron Judge - RF
- Ronald Torreyes - SS (to be replaced by Didi Gregorius)

5 things to watch for at the Final Four

1. First timers
It is a guaranteed that a first-time Final Four squad will play for the title Monday. That's because neither No. 1 Gonzaga nor No. 7 South Carolina has ever advanced this far.

Could a first-time team bring home a title over a more experienced crew like No. 1 North Carolina or No. 3 Oregon? Frank Martin, head coach of the Gamecocks thinks so.

"Once the game starts, I think everything is irrelevant. Everyone's nervous," he said. "I don't care, you can play in the national championship game nine years in a row, if you go the 10th time, you're going to be nervous before the ball goes up in the air."

2. Future NBA stars
Oregon's Tyler Dorsey has averaged 24.5 points per game on 66.7 percent shooting in the NCAA Tournament and is lethal from beyond the arch.

South Carolina's Sindarius Thornwell is the front-runner for the Most Outstanding Player netting 25.8 points per game — best in the tourney.

UNC has a handful of future NBAers led by Justin Jackson and Joel Berry, while Gonzaga's Nigel Williams-Goss could be playing himself into first-round pick territory.

3. The coaches
Martin was once the angry, red-faced former coach of Kasas State, but he has turned into a master motivator and recruiter. UNC's skipper Roy Williams has two titles under his belt while Oregon's Dana Altman burst onto the national scene after success coaching Creighton when it was a mid-major.

And of course finally is Gonzaga's Mark Few, who has been to 18-straight NCAA Tournaments with the Bulldogs.

4. The favorites
The Tar Heels are big favorites to win it all. Most of the key parts of last year's team are here, with Berry leading the offense like a true point guard and Jackson providing a high-volume scoring approach that is hard to stop. They also have size and experience in senior big men Kennedy Meeks and Isaiah Hicks.

5. Anything can happen
History has shown that while the big-name favorites are usually favored, there is a reason why the games are played. Especially with such conflicting styles of play.

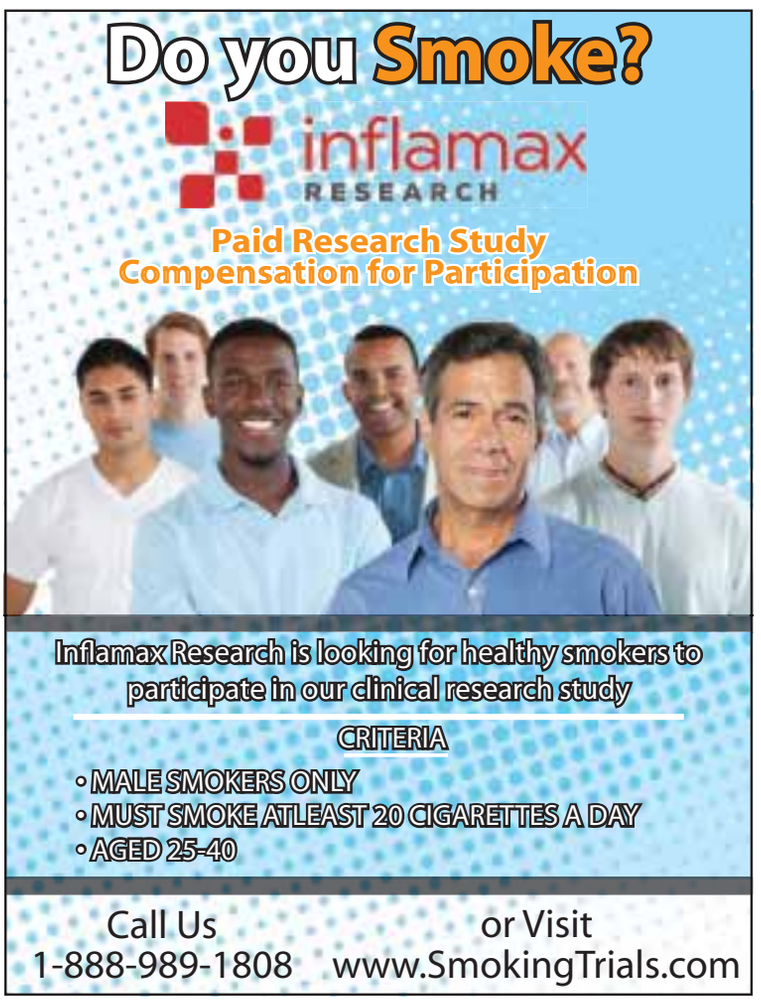
It's not a seven-game series, it's one and done. And with one chance to win it all, sometimes the best team isn't the last one standing.

EVAN MACY

Gonzaga's Nigel Williams-Goss could be a first-round pick. GETTY IMAGES

Yanks' current young stars resemble the old 'Core Four' class of 1995

Greg Bird is one of numerous promising young Yankees that could make a big impact at the major league level. GETTY IMAGES



Young Yanks bring hope of longtime success

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It was not that long ago in this very galaxy that the New York Yankees adopted the reputation as Major League Baseball's "Evil Empire."

From 1996-2009, the Bronx Bombers won five World Series titles built around the "Core Four" of Derek Jeter, Mariano Rivera, Jorge Posada and Andy Pettitte, who all made their MLB debuts in 1995.

Jeter and Rivera are surefire first-ballot Hall of Famers as the best shortstop and closer of their generation, respectively, while Posada and Pettitte will take their place in the upper echelon of Yankee heroes.

The foursome combined for 35 All-Star Game appearances and led the Yankees to 15 playoff berths in the 16 years they were together.

To ensure they stayed in power though, the Yankees' front office pillaged the free-agent market throughout the years and compiled one veteran star after another to create a seemingly endless superpower.

Whether it was Orlando Hernandez in 1998, Jason Giambi in 2001 or Mike Mussina a year later (just to name a few), the Yankees were accused of buying their way to championships.

That was true in part, but they had the payroll and the reputation to win the signatures of those big-name talents most small-market teams could not come close to acquiring.

But as the envy of teams and fans alike, the Yankees descended into the depths of villainy within the public eye that didn't support the pinstripes.

It did little to slow them down, as they were baseball's most successful team from 2000-2013, winning 1,229 games. Their archrival Boston Red Sox, who were second on that list, had 71 wins fewer in that stretch.

To put it in layman's terms, they would simply kick down your door, break your spirits and embarrass you in front of everyone that ever loved you.

Still, the Yankees had issues with accruing and keeping young talent. Instead, they would opt to deal it for the established veteran.

It worked for a while, but Father Time began picking off the "Core Four."

Posada retired in 2011 and was joined by Rivera and Pettitte two years later. The final member of that group departed in 2014 with Jeter's unforgettable retirement tour.

The Yankees' performance has been forgettable since then, at least by their standards.

Since 2013, they made the postseason once and that was a one-game run-in with Dallas Keuchel and the Houston Astros in 2015 when New York was shutout, 3-0.

The franchise has not experienced this tough a stretch since missing the playoffs 13-straight seasons from 1982-1994.

One year later, the collective messiahs of Yankee Stadium arrived and the culture quickly changed.

With Opening Day 2017 approaching on Sunday, it looks like they have "A New Hope" in something that looks awfully similar.

Three young, 24-year-old homegrown talents will start on Opening Day with catcher Gary Sanchez, first baseman Greg Bird and right fielder Aaron Judge.

Sanchez will attempt to replicate a stellar debut in which he electrified the league last season by belting 20 home runs in his first 50 games, tying Wally Berger's MLB record set in 1930 with the Boston Braves.

Bird has been considered the heir-apparent to Mark Teixeria for years now, but will finally have the job all to himself after returning from a shoulder injury that forced him to miss 2016.

Judge has also been viewed as the right fielder of the future in the Bronx and has shown flashes of a big bat and impressive defense. However, he will have to cut down on the strikeouts. In 2016 he struck out 42 times in 84 official at bats.

New York's prospect pool is also among the best in the majors and was ranked second in the league by MLB.com earlier in March.

They have seven players ranked within the top 100 prospects league-wide and managed to do so via the trade market.

Shortstop Gleyber Torres, the No. 3 prospect in baseball, was acquired when the Yankees traded Aroldis Chapman to the Chicago Cubs at the trade deadline. Outfielder Clint Frazier (No. 24) and pitcher Justus Sheffield (No. 79) came from the Cleveland Indians when the Yankees dealt reliever Andrew Miller.

It is very likely that the Yankees are going to be chasing the Boston Red Sox this season given their pitching depth and explosive offense. This new hope in youth though has delivered a new kind of optimism around Yankee Stadium.

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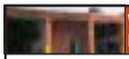

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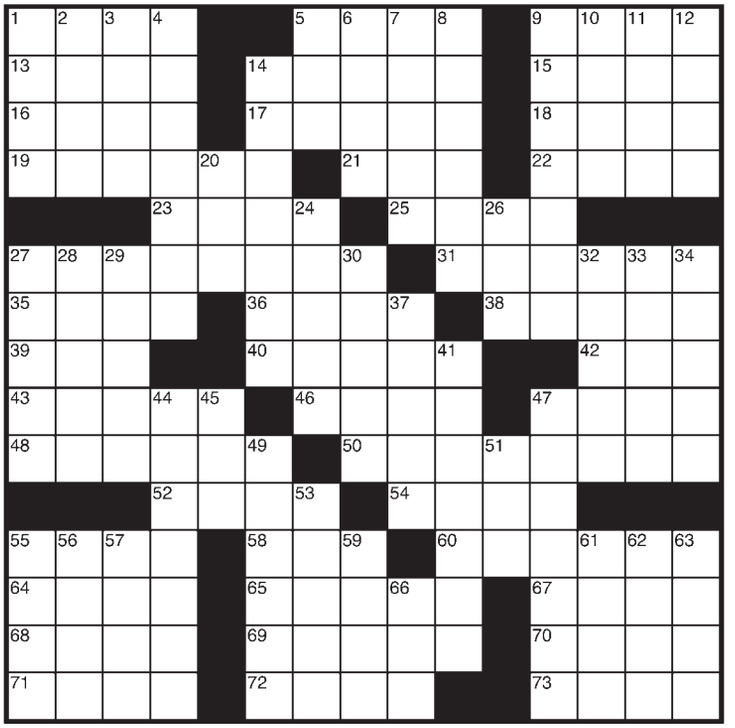

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Aries Embrace change, look for alternatives and push your ideas until you reach your goal. Own what you do and say and you will gain respect, opportunity and support.

Taurus Call in favors or make a point to join forces with people who share your concerns and goals. Your organizational ability will put you in a position of leadership.

Gemini There will be plenty going on behind closed doors. Listen carefully, or you may end up facing an unexpected dilemma that can cost you your reputation.

Cancer You'll be given mixed signals when it comes to where you stand with others. Don't let compliments color your vision. Look at the facts and act accordingly.

Leo Put more focus on your personal relationships as well as on your health and appearance. Make love, peace and generosity priorities if you want to improve your life.

Virgo Don't spend money just to impress someone. Stay focused on what's important and on the events or encounters that will bring you the highest rewards.

Libra You don't have to go overboard when it comes to maintaining your looks and good health. Streamline your fitness goals and follow a diet that is cost-efficient and healthy.

Scorpio An emotional situation will throw you off your game. Look for balance and integrity in all your transactions. Don't make decisions based on assumptions or hearsay.

Sagittarius You will have no trouble gaining control, but before you take command, make sure you want the responsibility that comes with the job. Know your limitations.

Capricorn Make physical changes at home to encourage stability and ease your stress. Altering your domestic circumstances will contribute to peace of mind.

Aquarius Keep your personal information a secret. Don't divulge financial concerns or give anyone access to your assets. Focus on personal gains and greater security.

Pisces You'll be offered the help you need but before you accept, find out what's expected in return. Don't put yourself in a compromising position. EUGENIA LAST

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